Exposure of corruption in Government Departments

3797. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently informed the Supreme Court that the Central Vigilance Commission would protect those exposing corruption in Government Departments, till a legislation was enacted on the subject;

(b) if so, the details of suggestions made by Government before the Bench of Supreme Court and whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner would be given autonomous independent powers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are seriously contemplating to bring a Bill in this connection; and

(f) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) While hearing Writ Petition (C) No. 539/2003 in the case of murder of Shri Satyendra Dubey, the question of suitable machinery for acting on complaints from Whistle Blowers arose. Accordingly, the Government had issued a Resolution dated 21.4.2004 read with Corrigendum-dated 29.4.2004 authorizing Central Vigilance Commission as Designated Agency to look into complaints made by whistle blowers and to ensure their protection.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The Public Interest Disclosures (Protection of Informers) Bill 2002, drafted by the Law Commission is under examination.

Scrapping of ACRs

3798. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to scrap the system of Annual Confidential Reports as a basis for promotions and empanelment;

(b) the details of the new system proposed;